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DOD SUPPORT FOR HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2005, AS OF 0700**

Command and Control

- U.S. Northern Command Commander is Admiral Keating in Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- Joint Task Force Katrina East (Forward) is located at Camp Shelby, Mississippi – Lieutenant General Honore is on the USS IWO JIMA pier side in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Joint Task Force Commander for the Louisiana National Guard is Major General Landreneau, at New Orleans.
- Joint Task Force Commander for the Mississippi National Guard is Major General Cross, at Stennis Space Center, Mississippi.

Operational Highlights

- 72,614 Active Duty and National Guard personnel are on the ground or aboard ships supporting relief operations.
 - 22,439 Active Duty.
 - 1,895 Reserves (573 Marine Corps, 53 Army, 450 Air Force, 819 Navy)
 - 45,871 National Guard. (2,409 outside area ready to assist)
- 19 US Navy ships are in the area.
- Total aviation support in area:
 - 346 helicopters (Active Duty and National Guard).
 - 68 airplanes (Active Duty and National Guard).
- DoD has provided extensive search and rescue, evacuation, and medical support:
 - 2,783 Active Duty sorties flown – 123 in the past 24-hours.
 - 9,240 National Guard sorties flown – 136 in the past 24 hours.
- Total DoD medical personnel in the area is 2,037 (1072 Active Duty and 965 National Guard). Lieutenant General Honore directed that no Federal military service member will perform or assist with any type of forced evacuation.
- JTF-Katrina is executing strategy that focuses on recovery while continuing to support disaster relief operations.



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- 82nd Airborne Division, 1st Cavalry Division, I and II Marine Expeditionary Force conducting humanitarian assistance, search and rescue, evacuation and security assessments.
 - Division soldiers will not recover remains of deceased persons; will only mark and record locations for mortuary teams.
- FEMA requested DoD perform all aspects of the mortuary affairs mission until another contractor can be found. The Secretary of Defense approved the deployment of 9 teams from the 54th Quartermaster Company Ft. Lee, Virginia. He also directed that 9 additional teams from the 54th be placed in be prepared to deploy status.
- Commander, U.S. Northern Command requested the deployment of two fire trucks to support airport operations at New Orleans International – Both fire trucks in-place.
- Mosquito spraying operations approved. Two sorties were flown by the 910th Air Wing. They sprayed 92,000 acres in St Bernard and Jefferson Parish.
- Seven installations are providing support as transportation staging areas for ice, water, food and medical supplies.
- 21 million Meals Ready to Eat have been ordered by FEMA to support Hurricane Katrina response. 16.7 million have been delivered. 1 million have been diverted to Virginia and Georgia to support Hurricane Ophelia response if required.
- 789 beds are available in field hospitals: New Orleans International Airport (25 beds), USS BATAAN (360 beds), USS IWO JIMA (105 beds), USS Tortuga (35 beds), 14th Combat Support Hospital (204 beds), and the USS Shreveport (60 beds).
- Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas is the central collection point for supplies donated by foreign countries - 119 nations and 12 international organizations have offered assistance.
- Force Adjustments: USS H. S. Truman, USS Whidbey Island, Army Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Platoon, Army Aviation Assets, and the 920th Rescue Wing, 4th Expeditionary Medical Support, and 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit – USNS Comfort redeployment pending coordination and agreement between the Secretary DHS, Principal Federal Official, and State Officials that ship and unit are no longer required.